

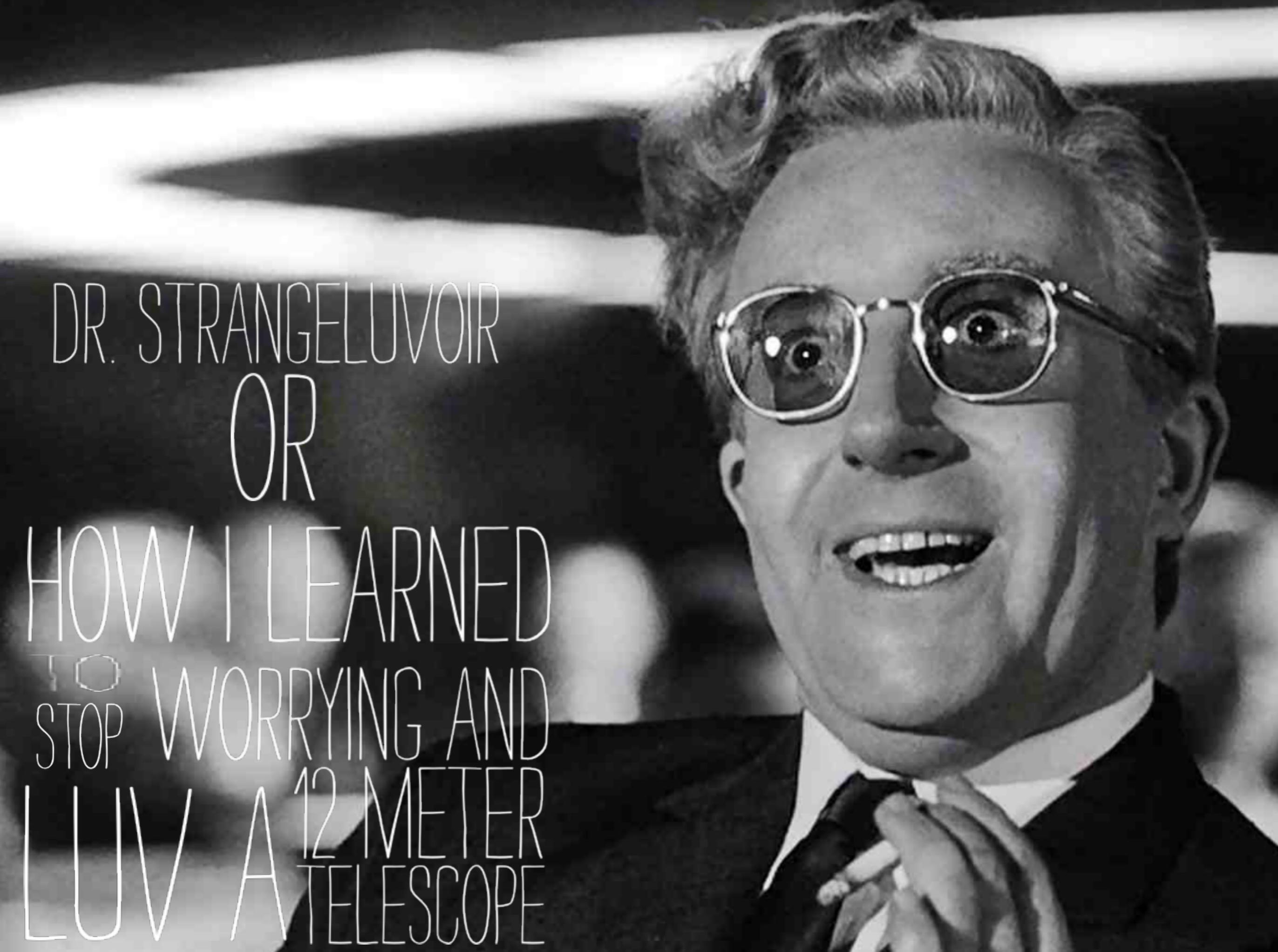
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-H. JACKSON BROWN

LUVOIR F2F, AUGUST 18 2016

COSMIC ORIGINS
SCIENCE WITH LUVOIR





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			UV IM	UV Spec	O IM	O Spec	IR Im	IR Spec
Large Scale Structure, and Dark Matter	DM Distributions from stellar motions	Tumlinson via HDST report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	DM: Strong lensing	???, Oguri*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	The FUV and EUV background	O'Meara, McCandliss*, Shiminovich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Cosmology	IGM/CGM imaging the cosmic web	Schiminovich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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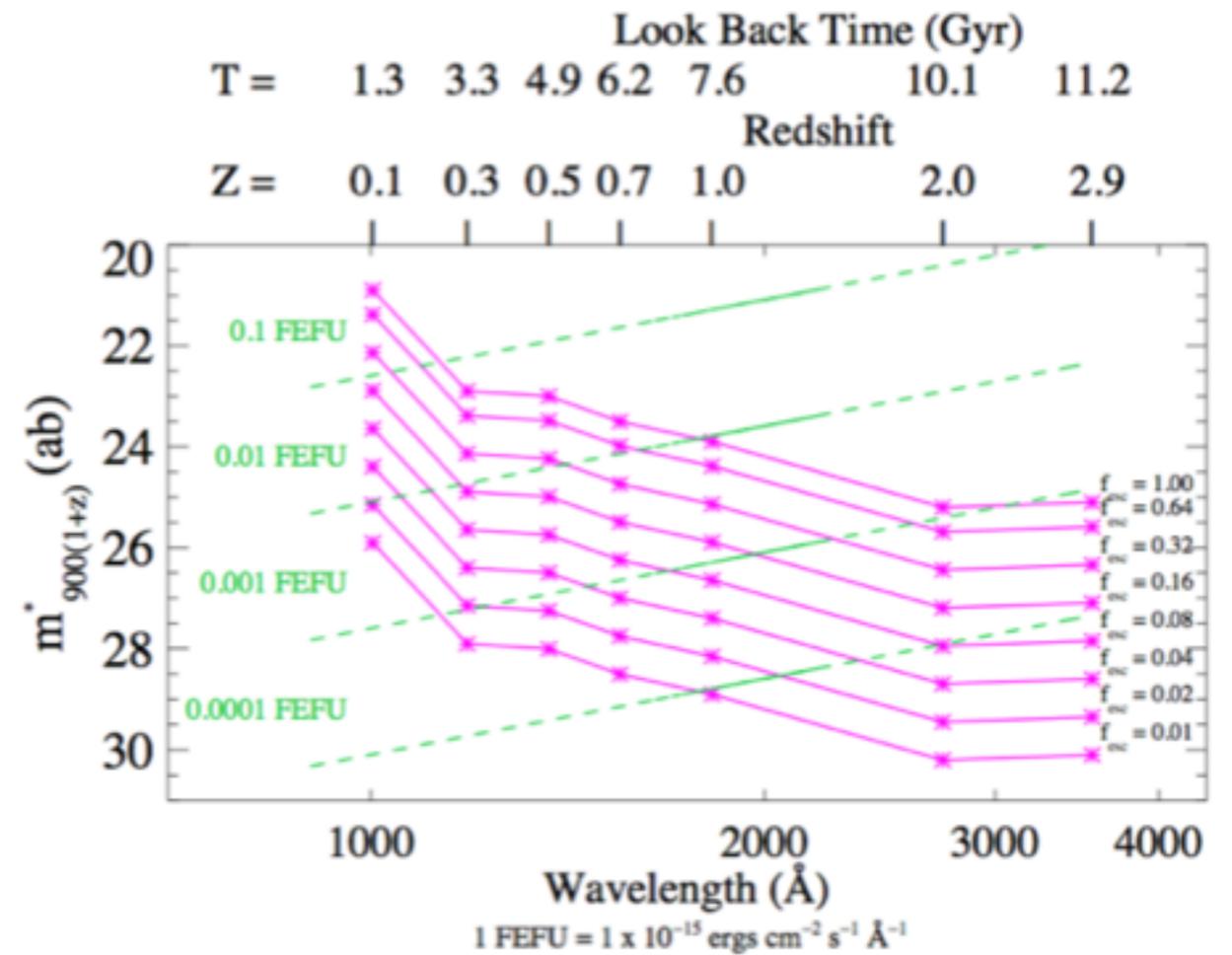
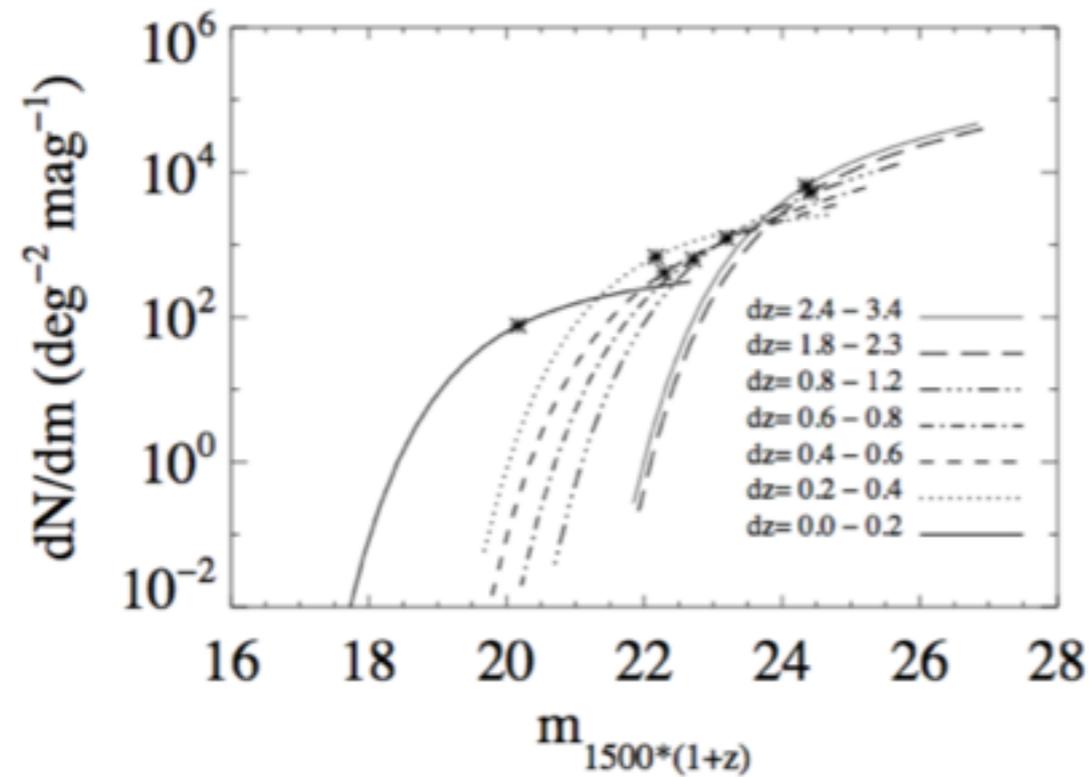
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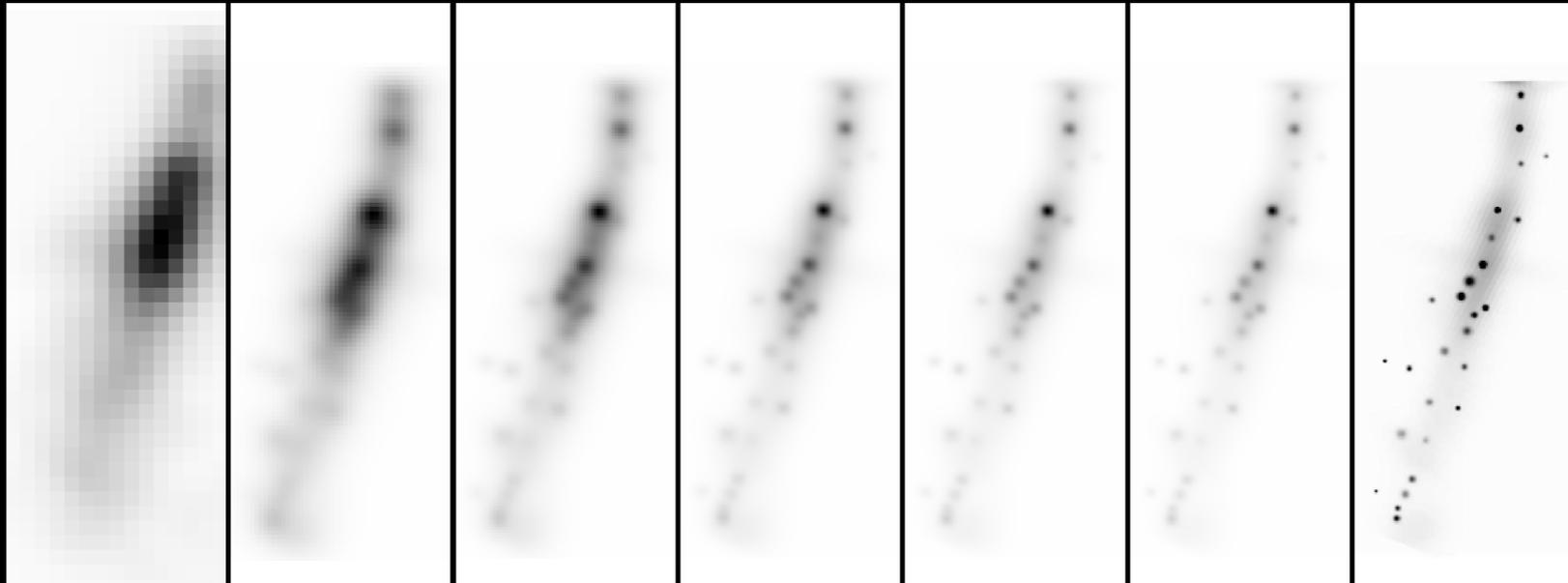
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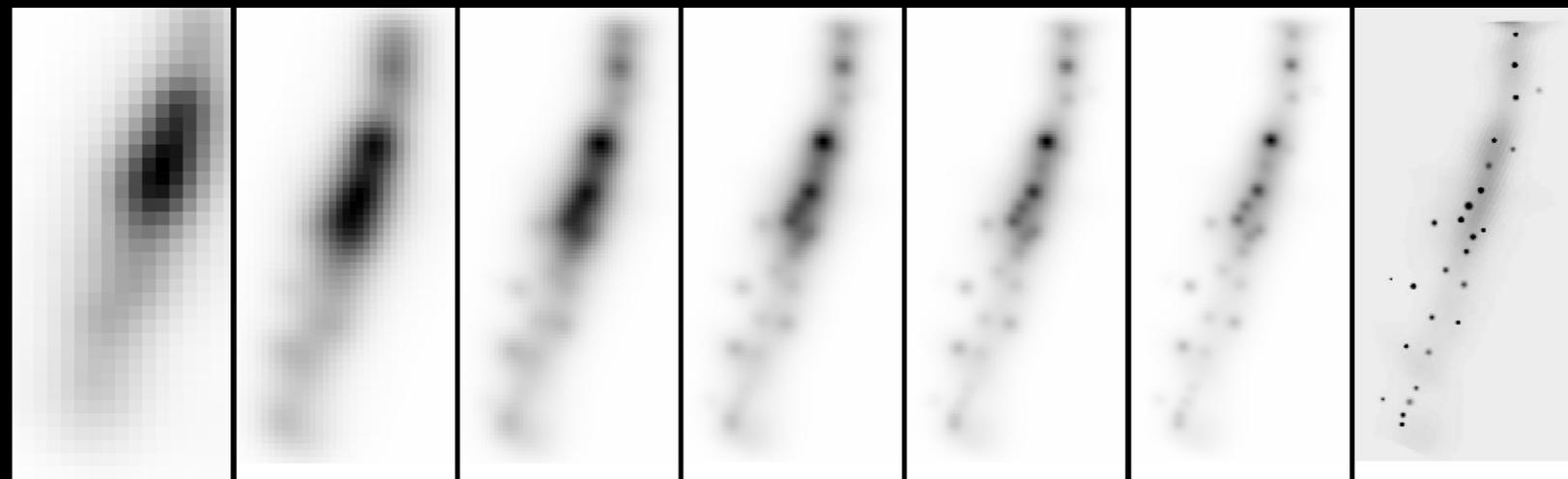
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STAR FORMING REGIONS DOWN TO 100PC AT $Z > 1$

F390W



F606W



HST

4 m

6 m

8 m

10 m

12 m

source plane
reconstruction

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The diagram shows a side view of the Milky Way galaxy. A blue arc on the left side of the galaxy indicates the field of view of a 10-meter telescope. A red circle with a yellow star inside is labeled 'SUN' and is located on the right side of the galaxy. A red arc on the right side of the galaxy indicates the field of view of the Hubble Space Telescope (HST).

- most of the inner halo
- numerous stellar streams
- dozens of globular clusters

 **SUN**

Region where HST can observe giant with high spectral resolution in the UV (~ 500 pc; or dwarfs to ~ 100 pc)

A ~10-meter space telescope could observe the UV spectrum of nearly any star whose optical spectrum is accessible today from the ground.

(except in regions of high extinction)

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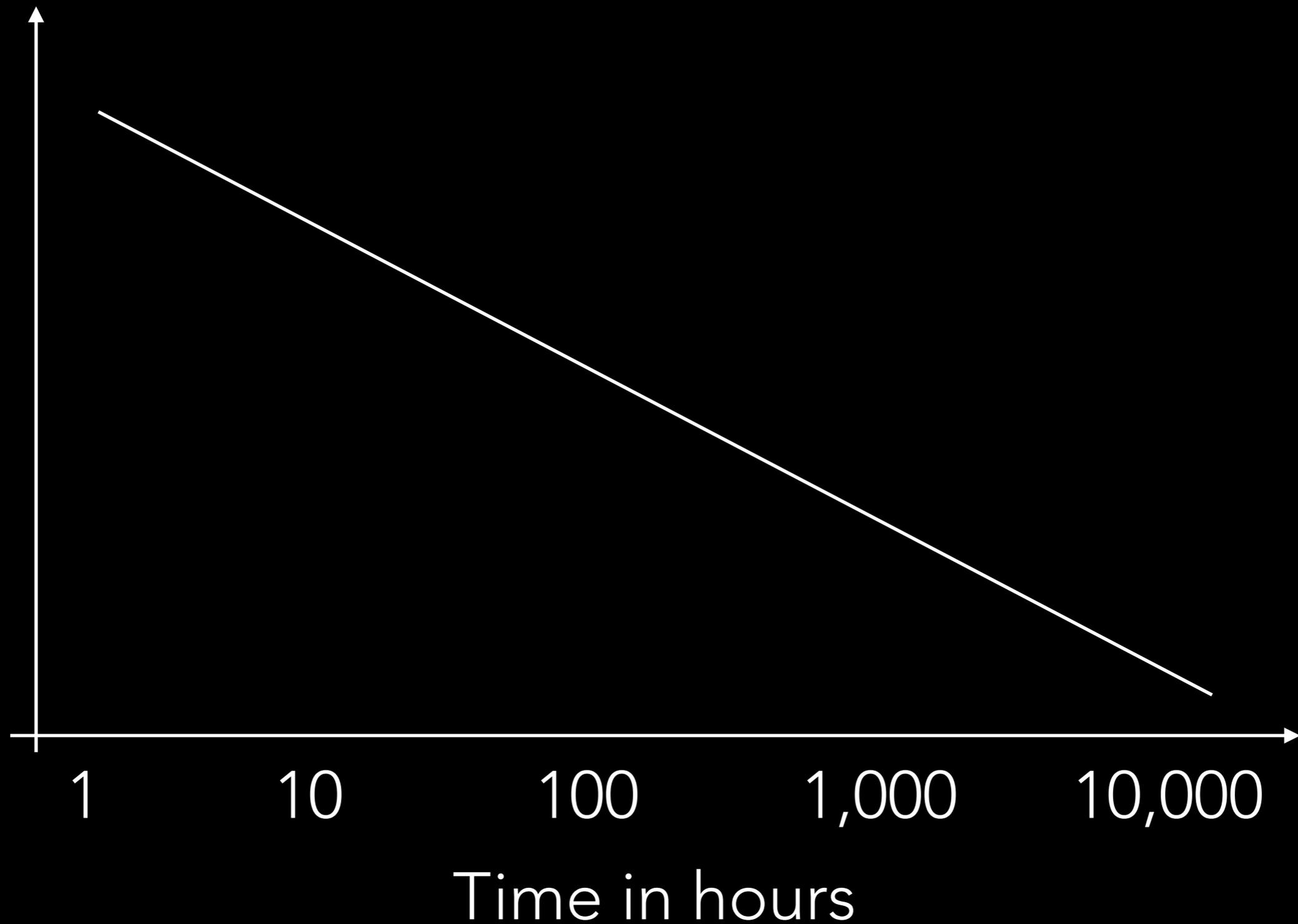
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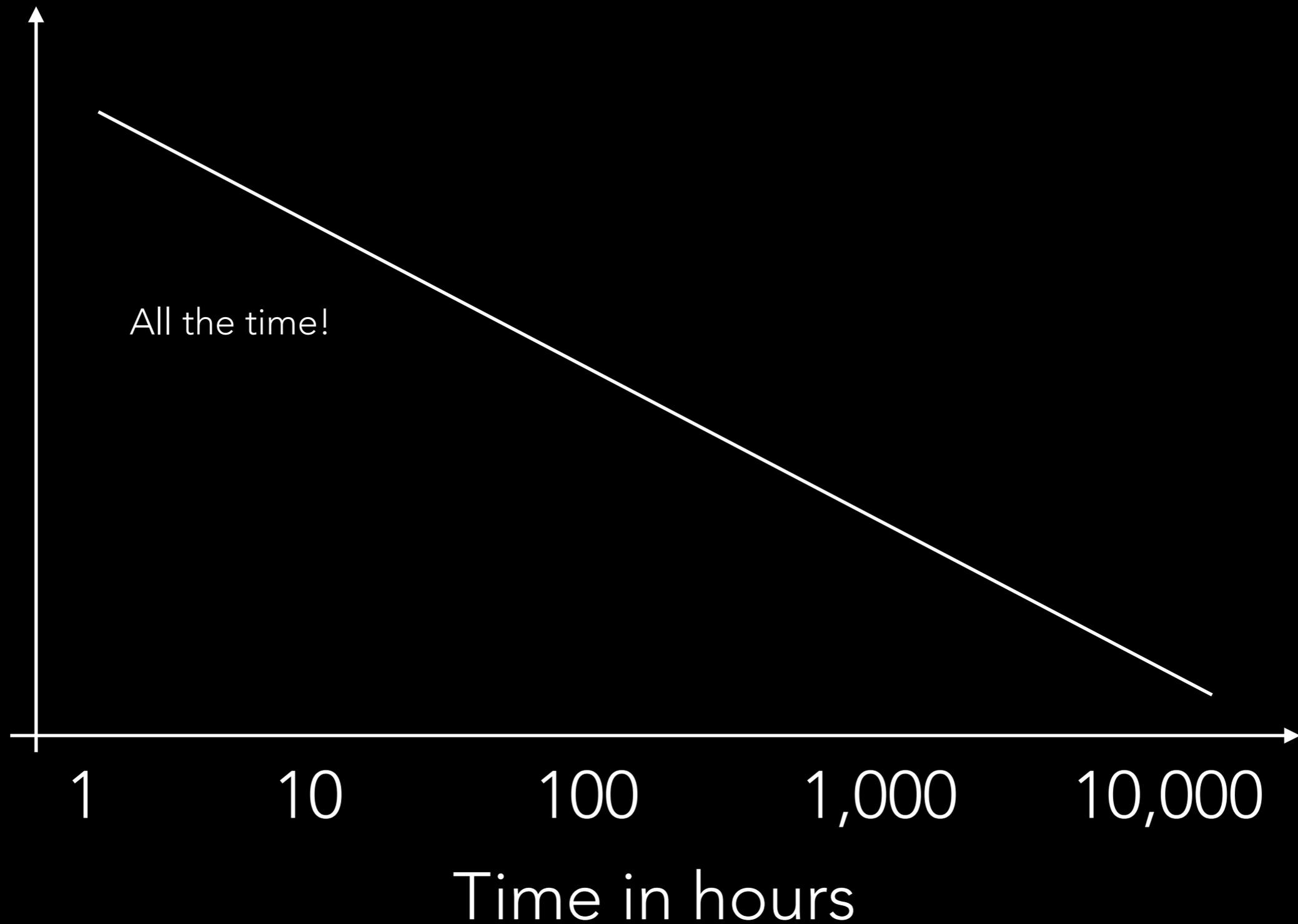
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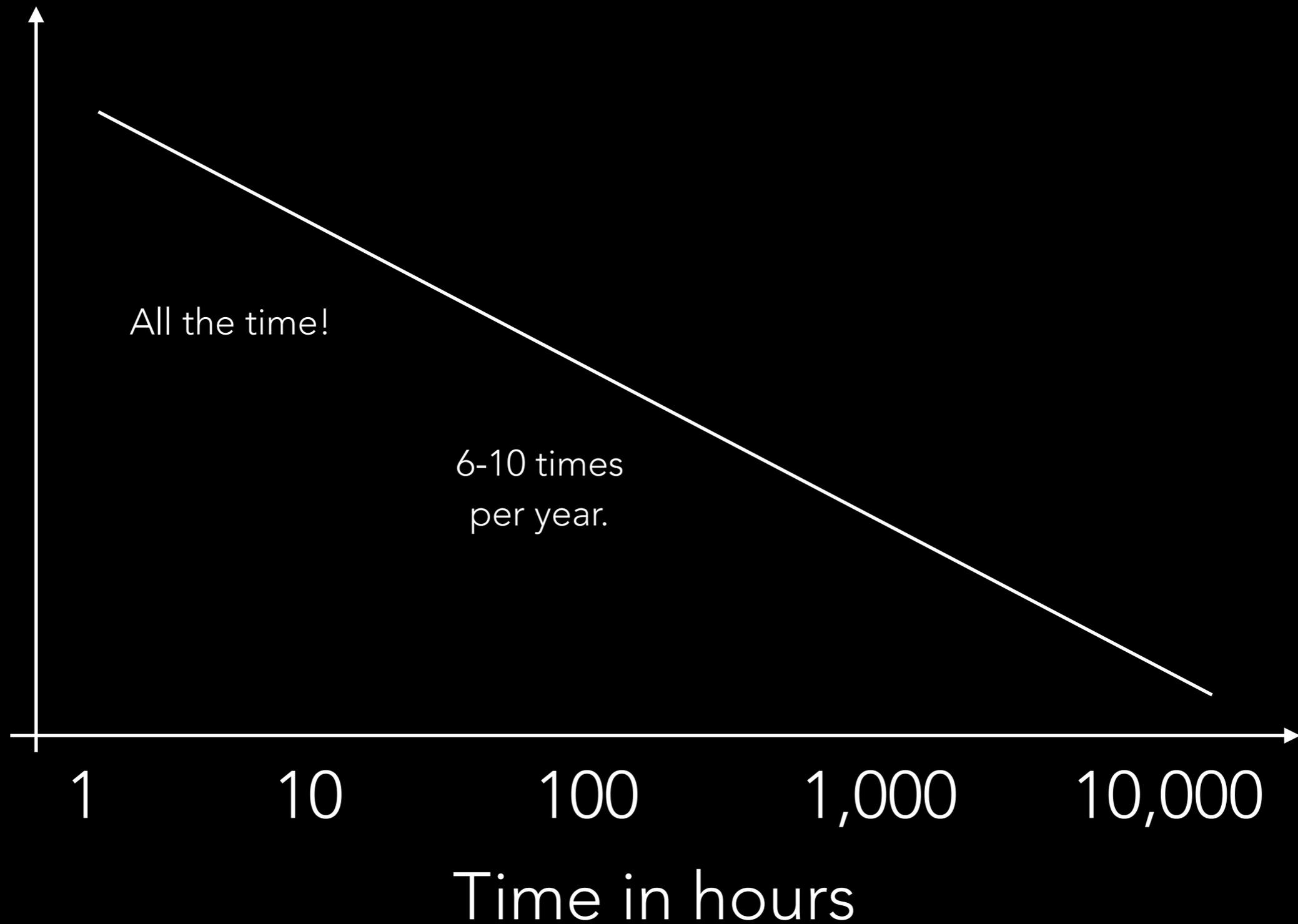
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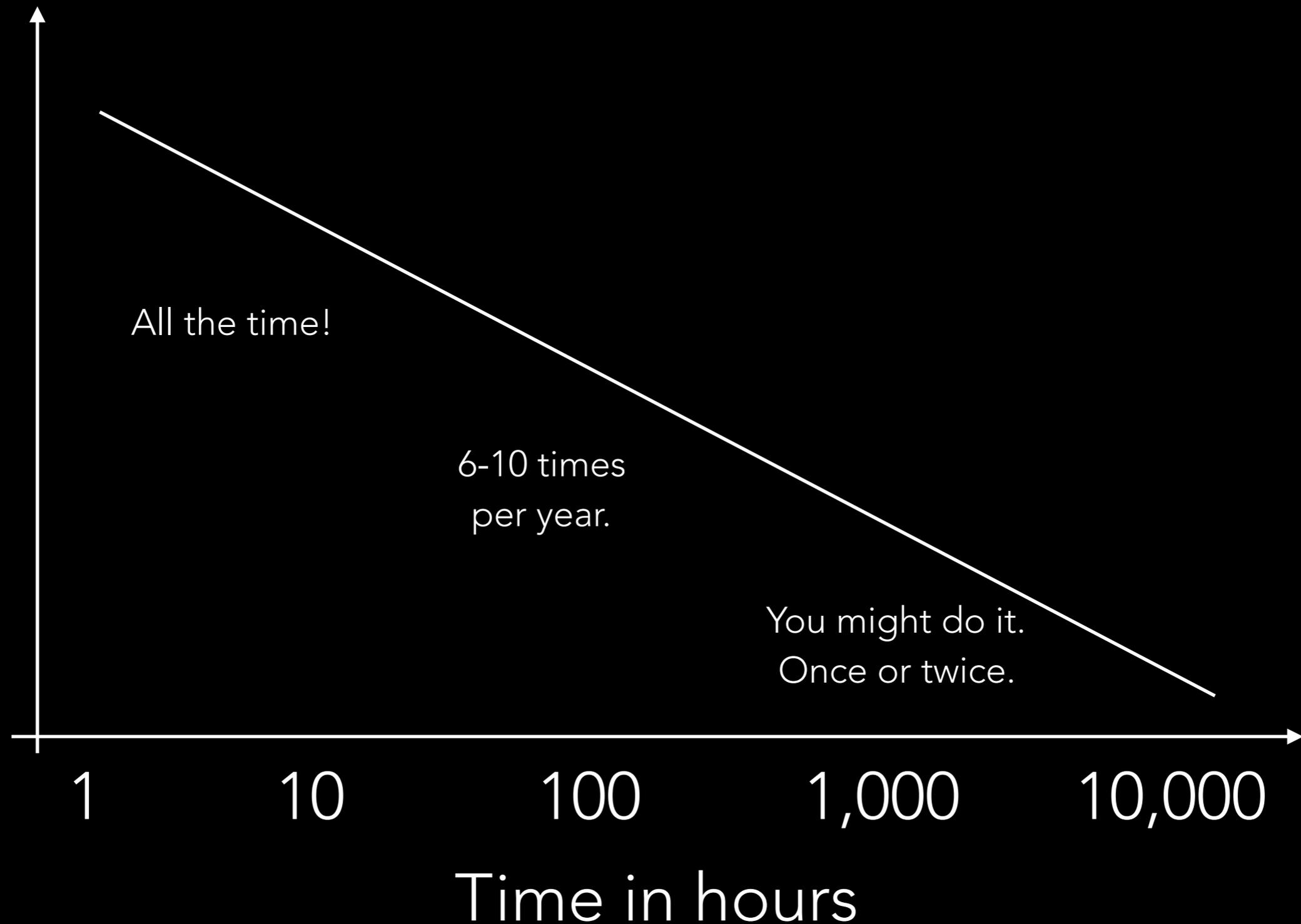
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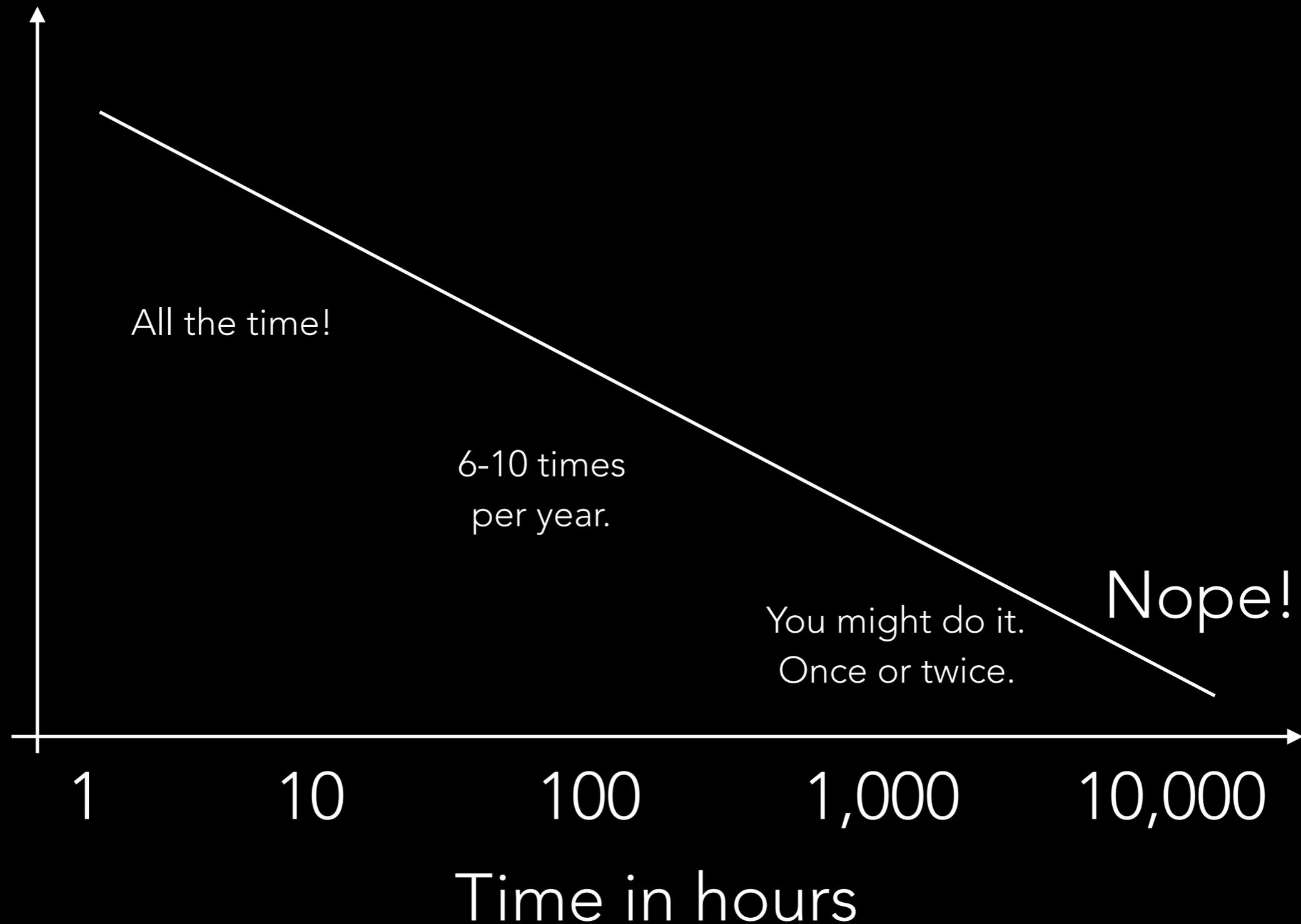
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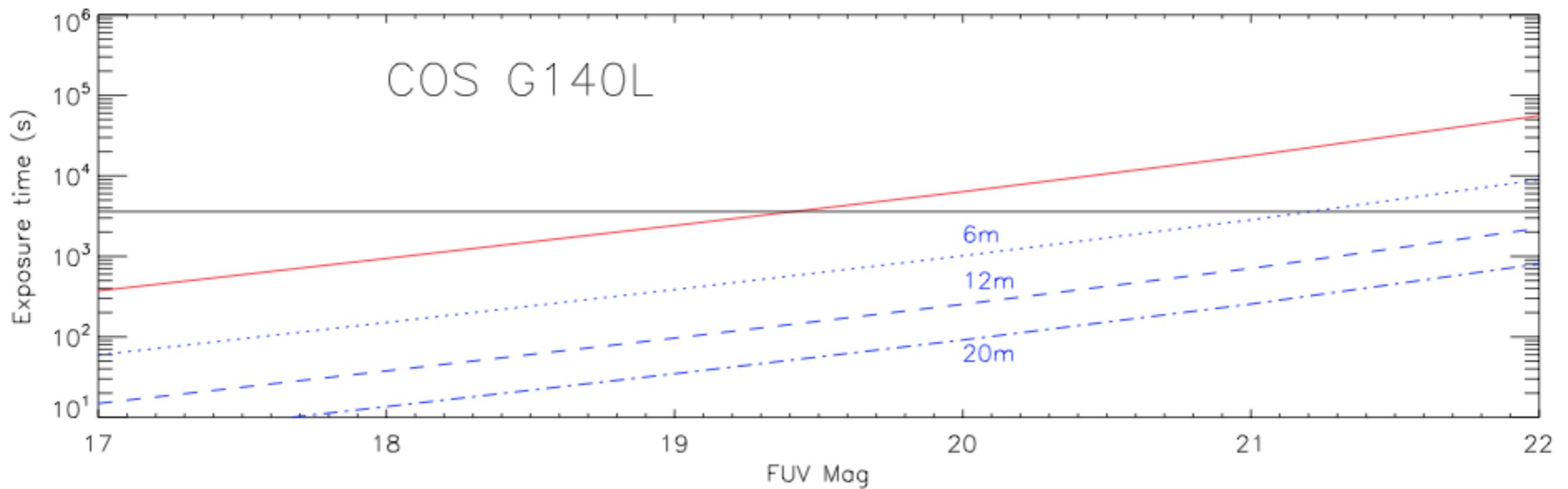
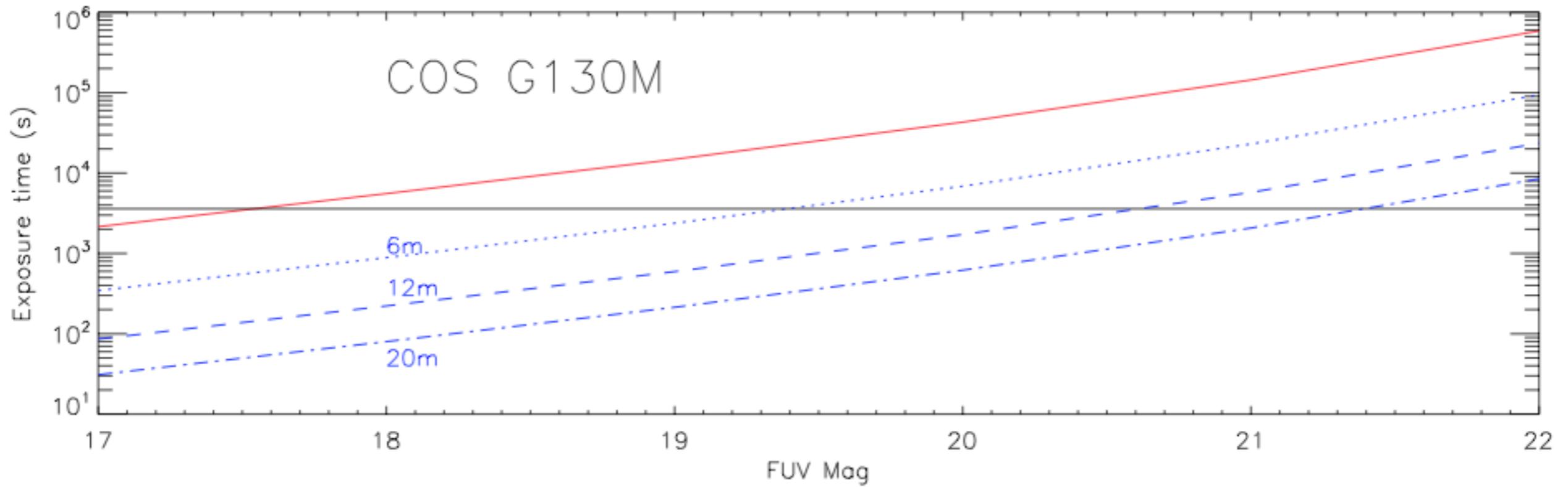
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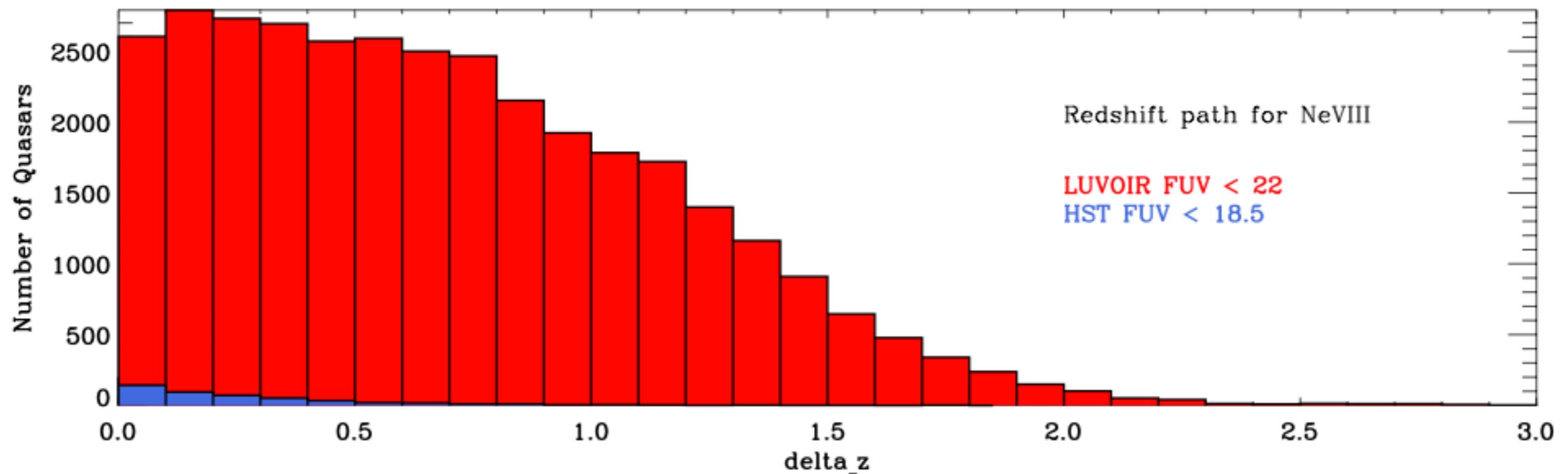
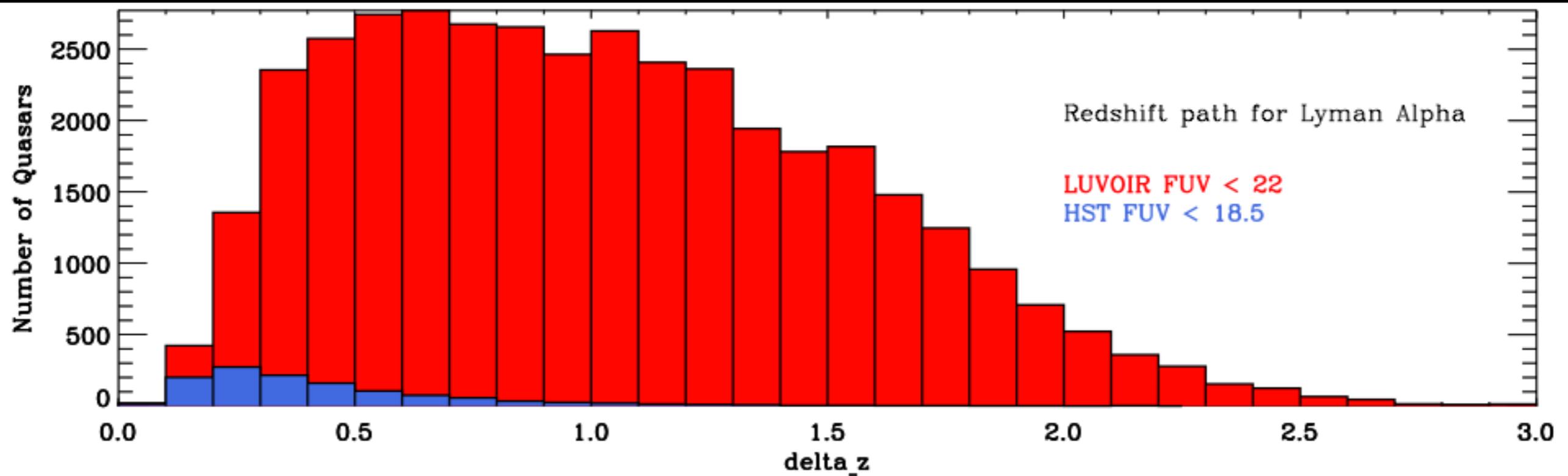
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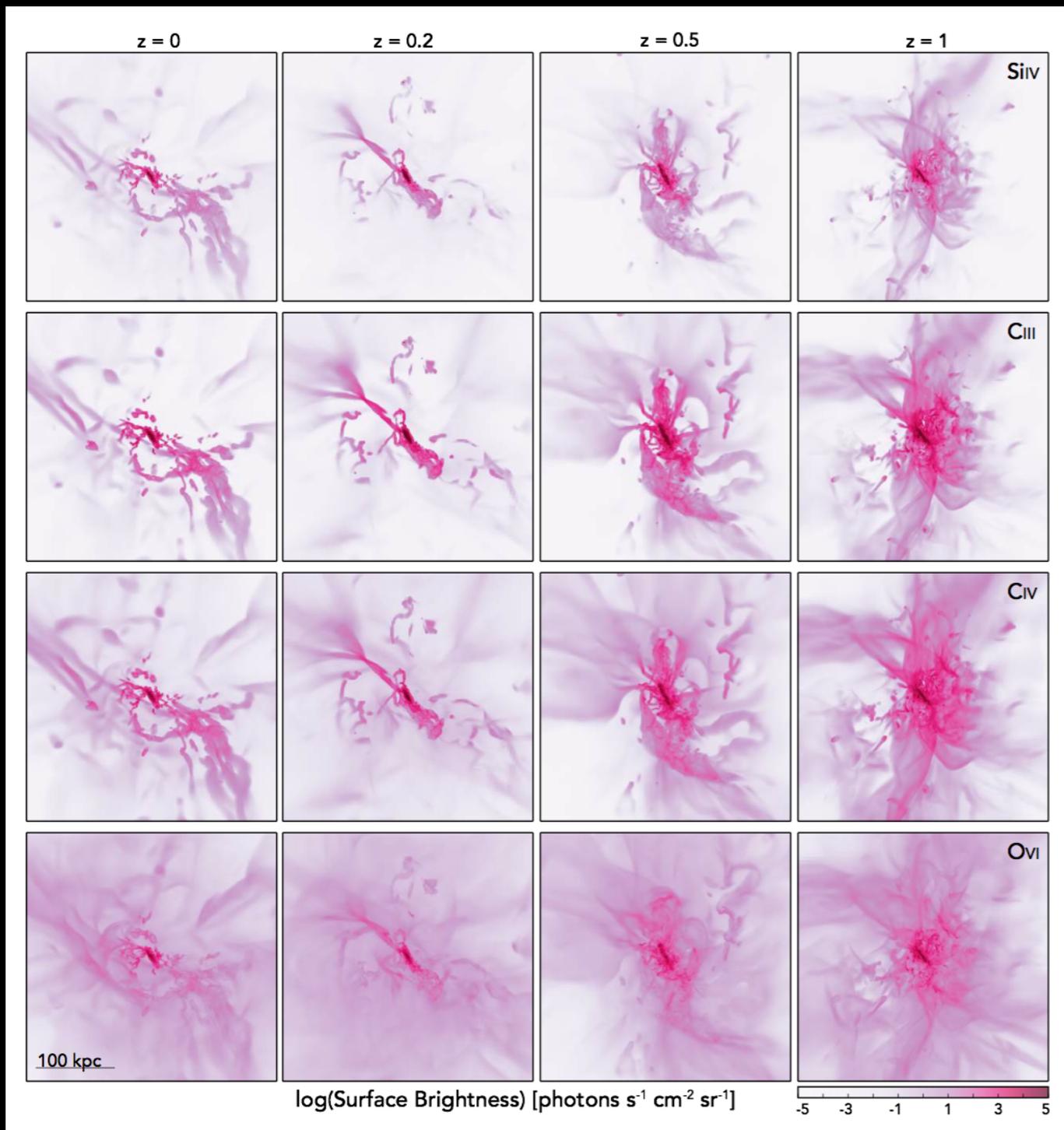
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DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE
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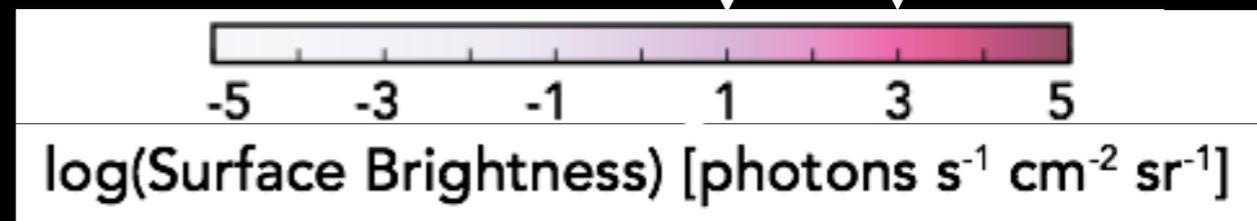
- imaging the CGM at $z < 2$ to unravel galaxy fueling and feedback



10 meter telescope

15 minutes

40 hours



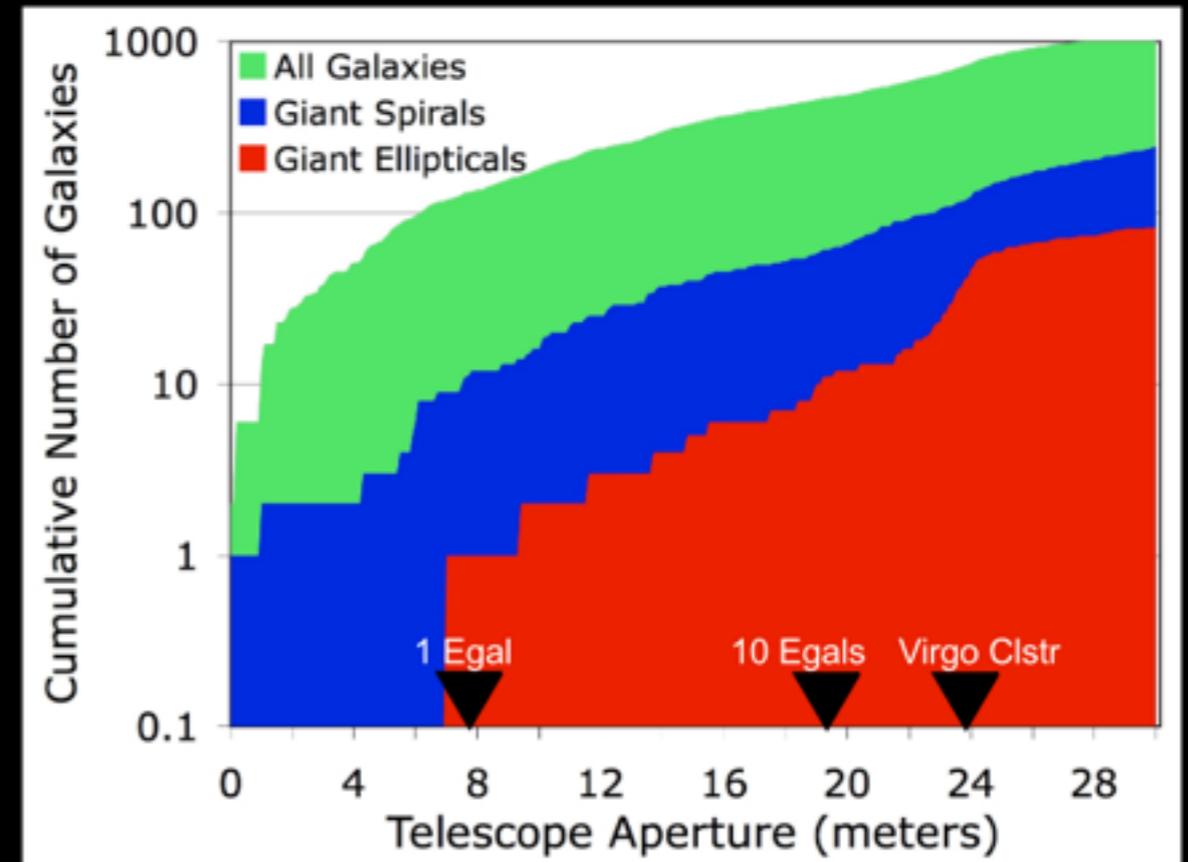
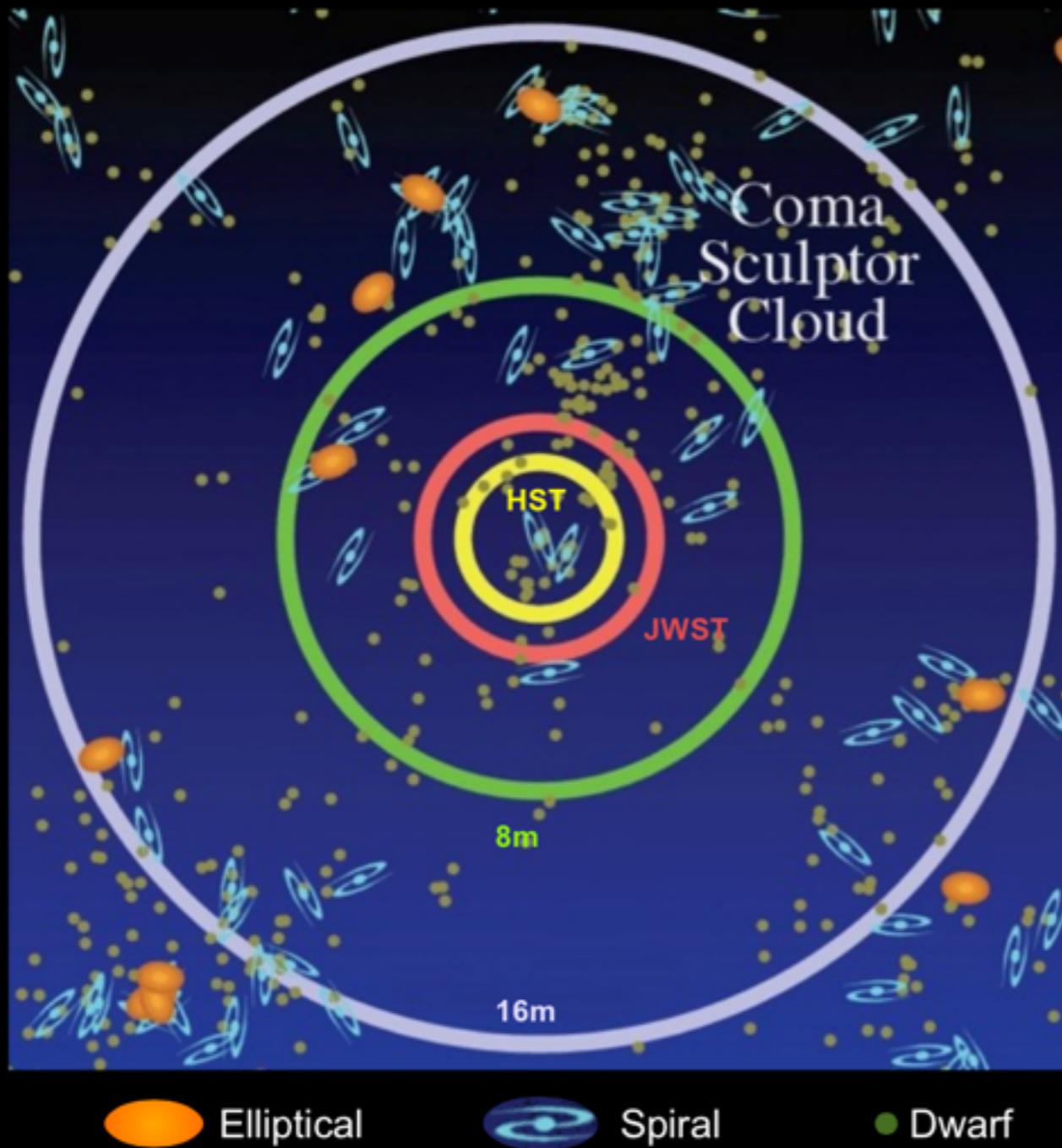
500 hours

3 hours

4 meter telescope

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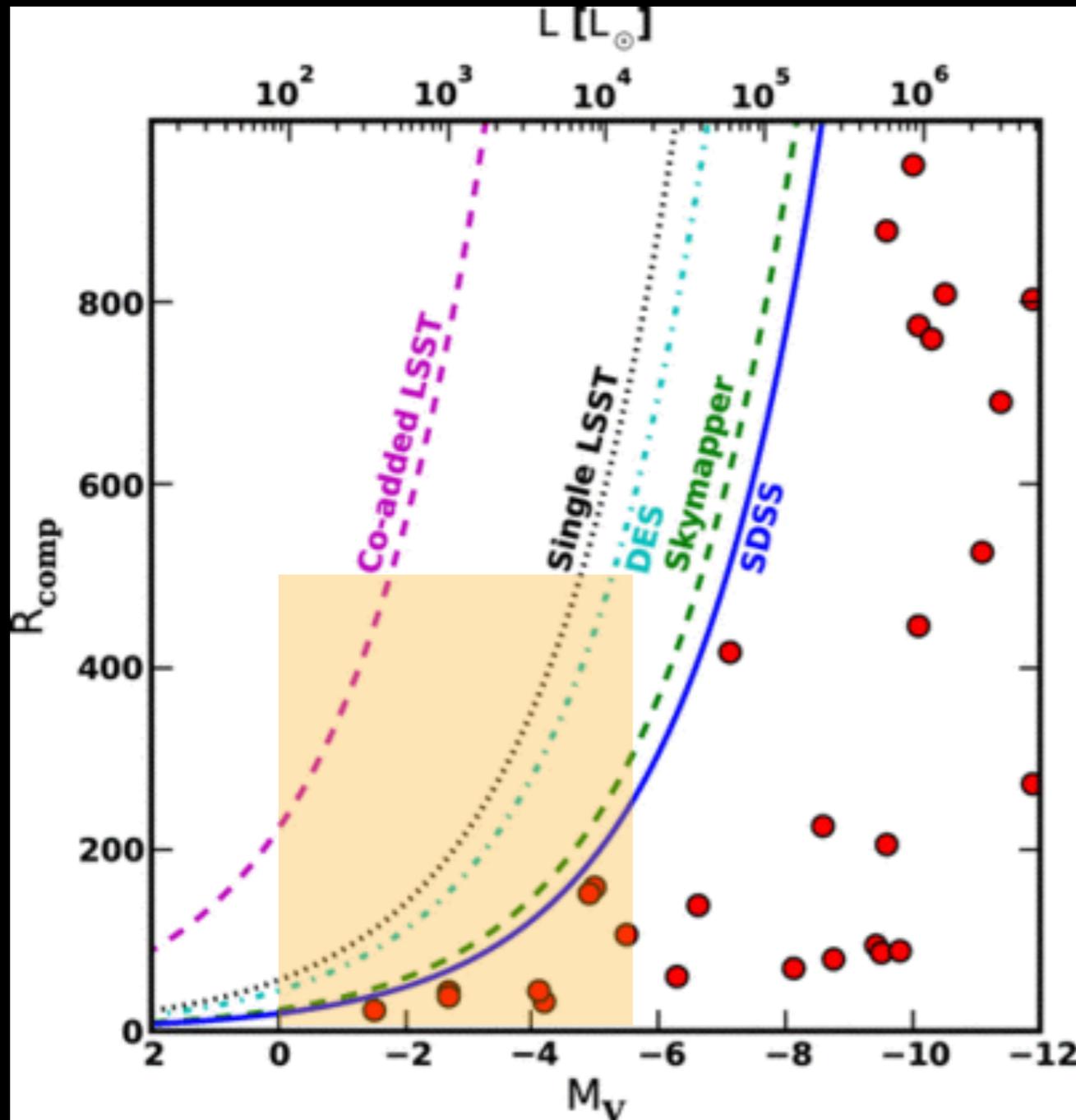
- Star formation histories and the IMF



8-12 meter aperture
reaches 1-3 giant
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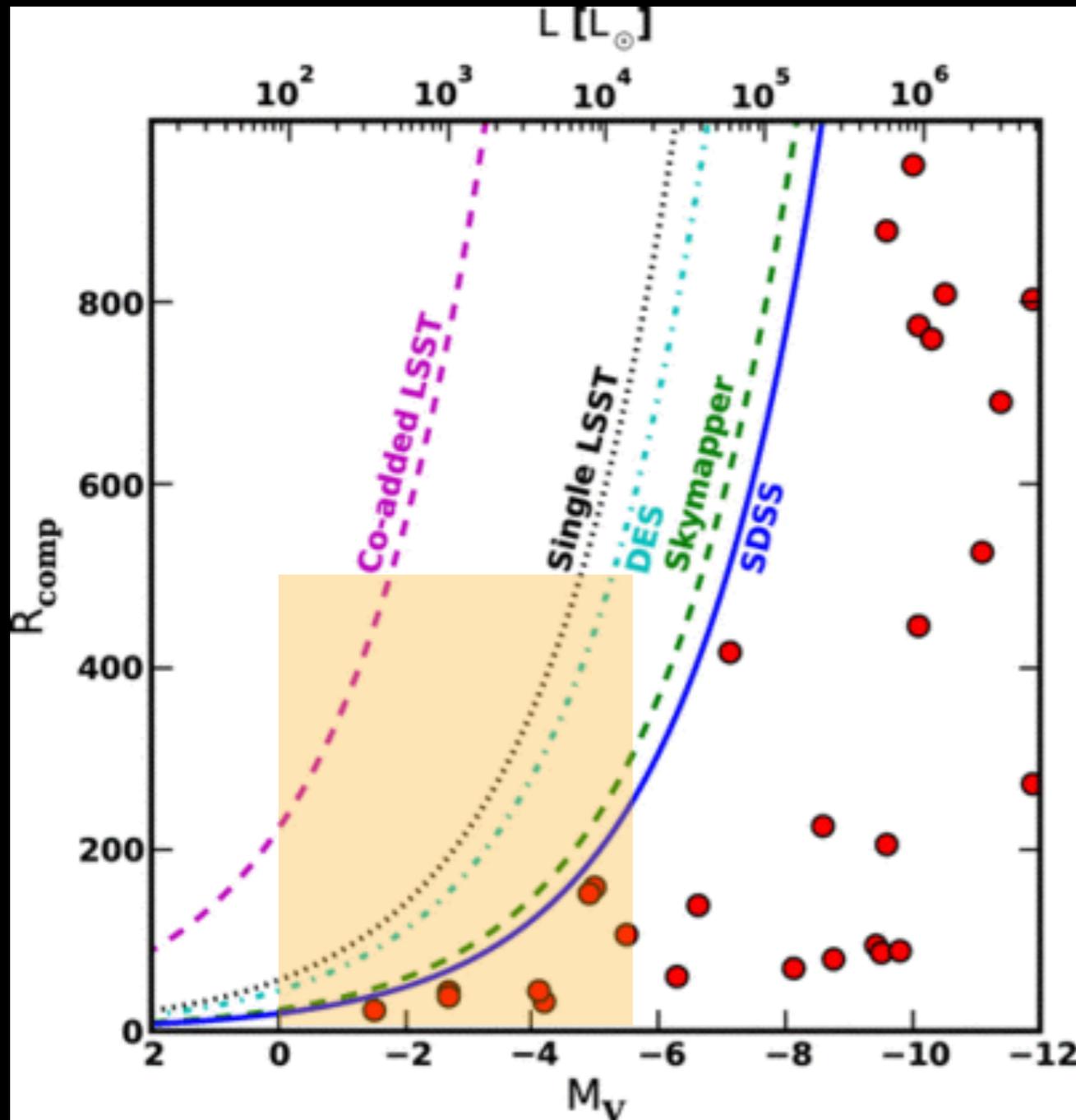
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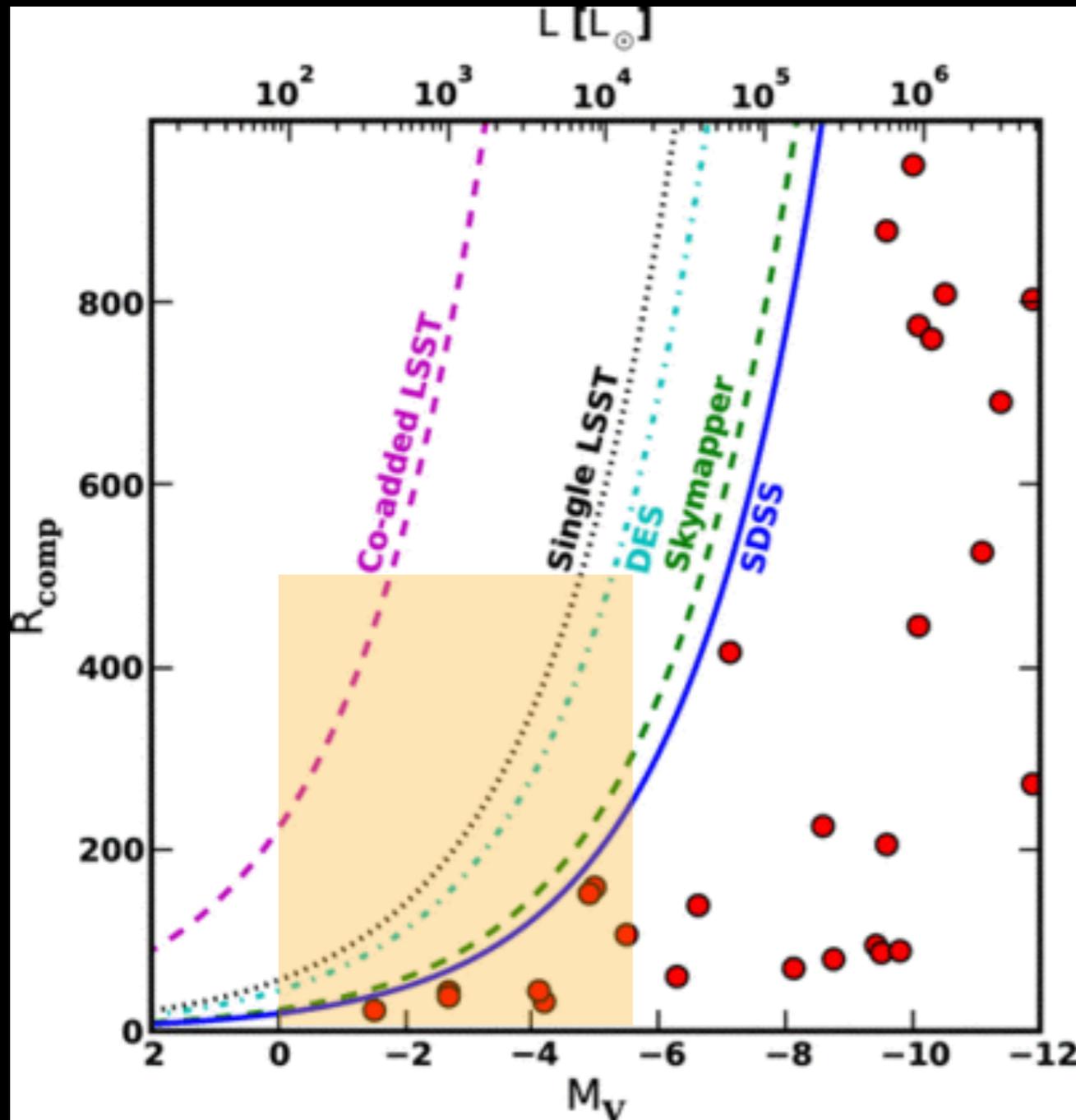
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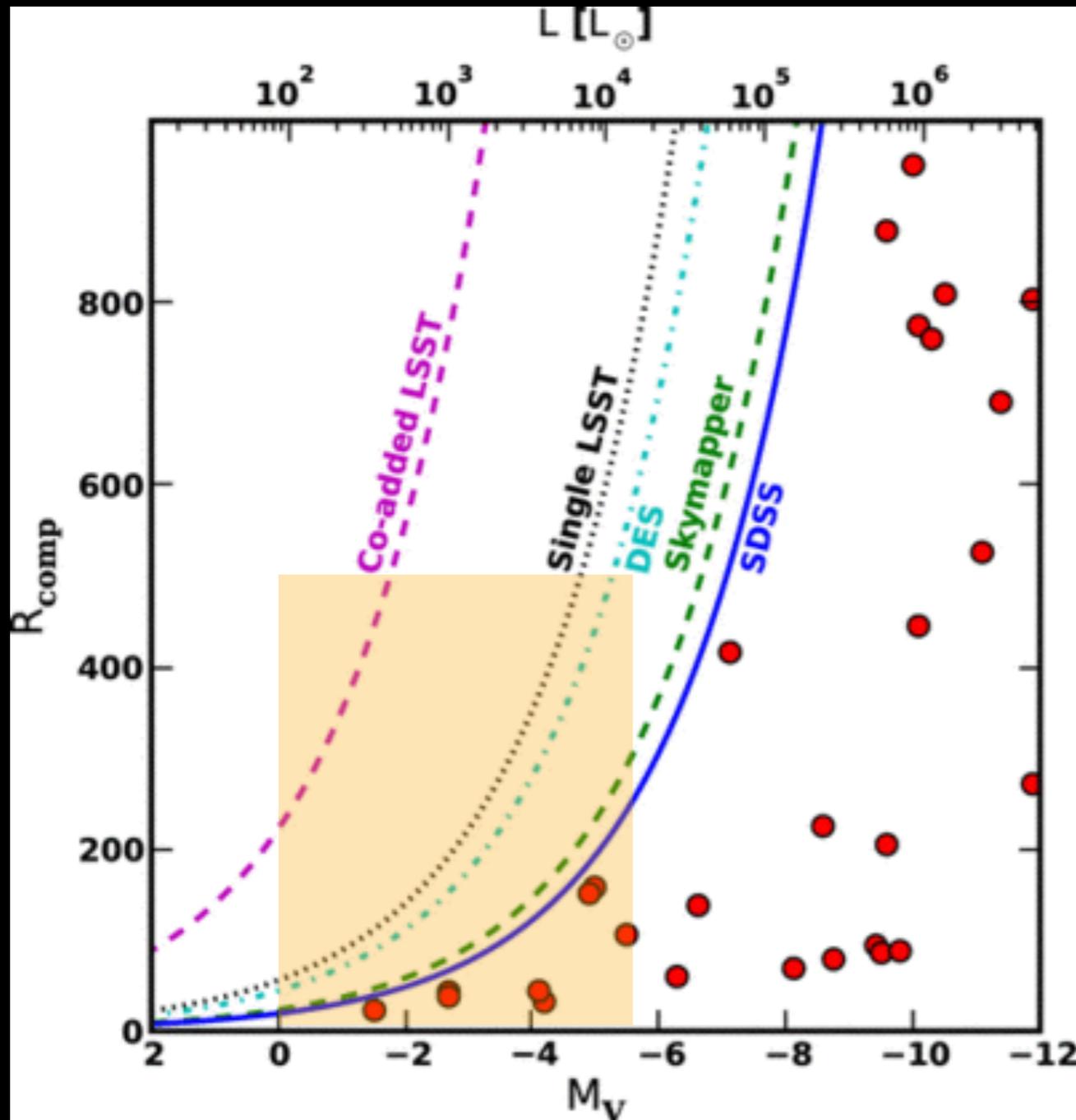
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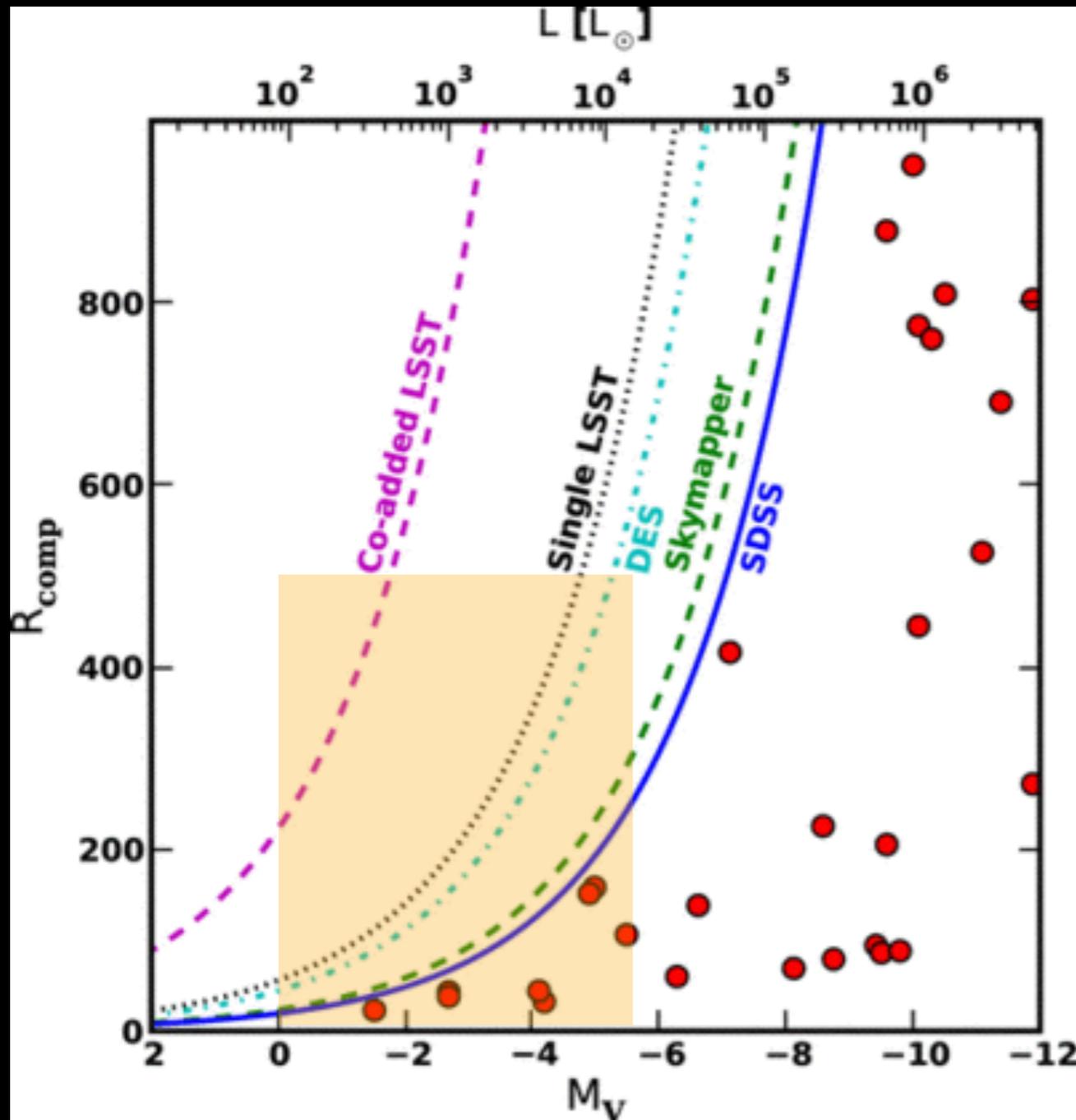
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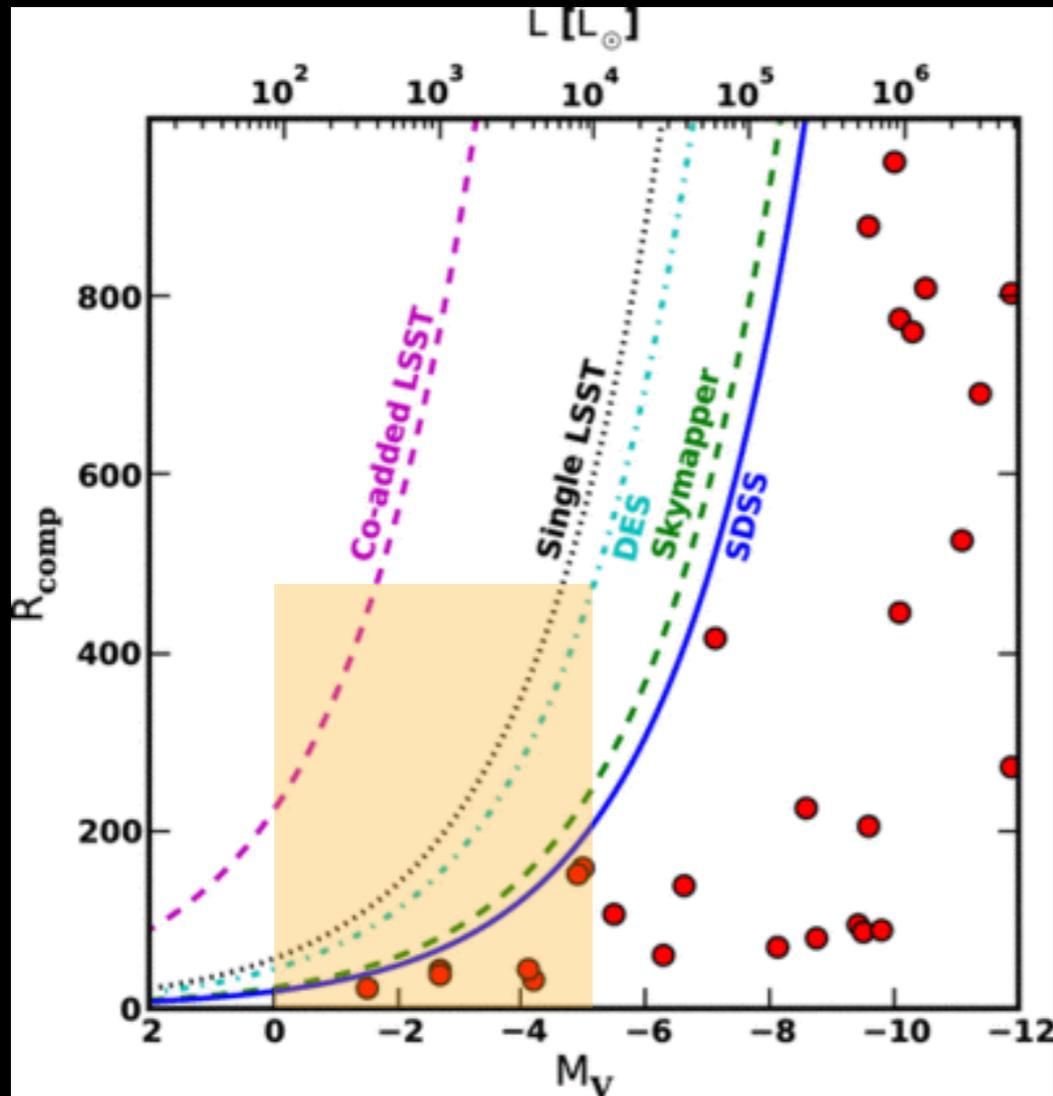
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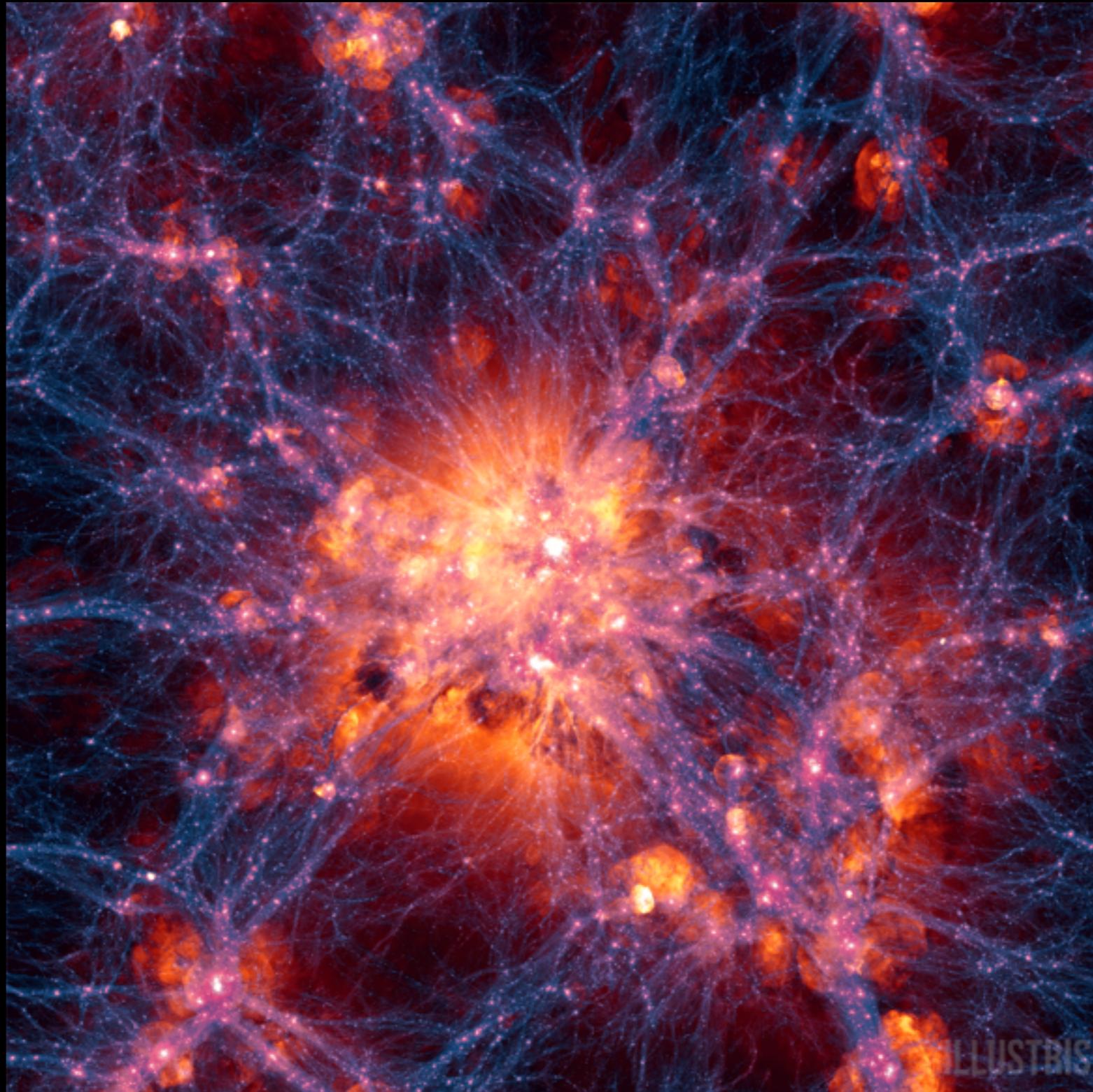
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Velocity dispersions are 1-5 km/s.
 Measure DM potential in most DM-dominated and isolated galaxies.
 What is the DM?

Distance	Speed	Example	Goal
10 pc (nearest stars)	10 cm s ⁻¹ 0.2 mph		planets
100 pc (nearest SF regions)	100 cm s ⁻¹ 2.2 mph		planets in disks
10 kpc (entire MW disk)	0.1 km s ⁻¹ 223 mph		dissipation of star clusters
100 kpc (MW halo)	1 km s ⁻¹ 2200 mph		DM dynamics in dwarf sats.
1 Mpc (Local Group)	100 km s ⁻¹		3D motions of all LG galaxies
10 Mpc (Galactic Neighborhood)	100 km s ⁻¹		cluster dynamics

THESE WILL ONLY GET BETTER. LUVOIR CAN
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- LSST
- TMT/EELT/GMT
- SKA
- ALMA
- Many others

Let's use both, each at what it is best for

At 1.5 μm (H), a diffraction-limited 30m will reach the same spatial resolution as a space-based 10m at 0.5 μm .

Sky backgrounds prevent ground-based ELTs from applying their spatial resolution at the faintest desirable limits.

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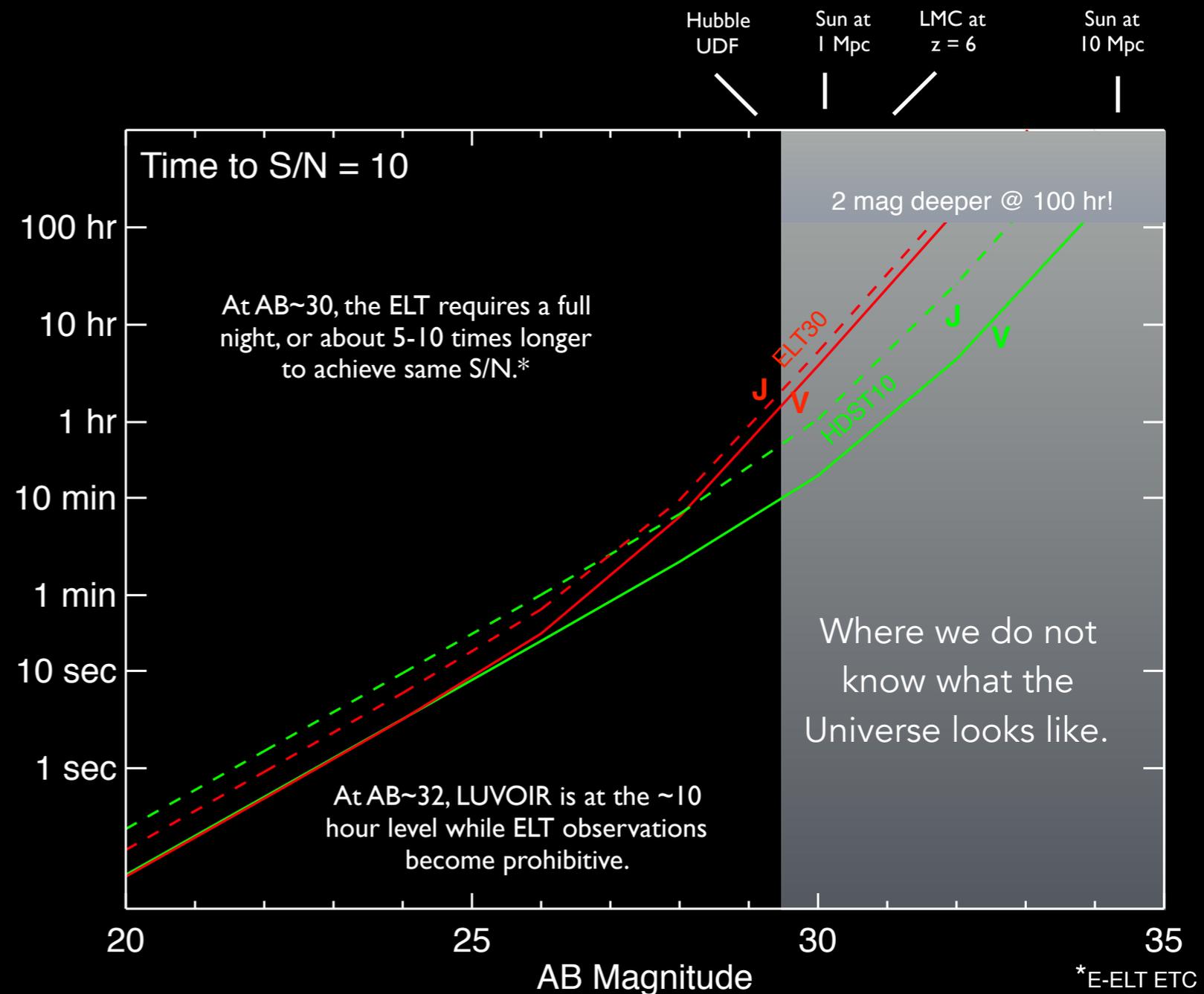
- high res imaging on bright sources
- IR spectroscopy in atmospheric transmission windows
- high resolution optical spectroscopy

LUVOIR excels at:

- deep/wide imaging at all wavelengths
- low-res/2D spectra at all wavelengths
- astrometry, high contrast (stable PSF)
- anything requiring the UV

They complement each other for:

- LUVOIR detection in imaging, ELT spectroscopy for stars and galaxies
- multiphase gas diagnostics at all z



EMERGING INSTRUMENT THEMES

- UVOIR imaging with as wide a FOV as possible
- Low ($R \sim 100$) to moderate ($R \sim 5,000$) UVOIR MOS or IFU
- High ($R > 25,000$) point source UVO spectrograph
- FUV spectroscopic capability (Lyman edge)

ALSO WORTH CONSIDERING

- Polarimetry
- Fast timing
- Ultra-precise astrometry
- Laser comb
- Energy resolving detectors

WHAT COULD WE DO IF WE HAD?

- μ -arcsecond astrometry
- S/N 10,000 at R=100,000
- Photon counting at extremely high rates
- R=1,000,000 spectroscopy

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